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In re Application of :
: Takashi OGINO et al. : Confirmation No.3154
: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/581,264 : Group Art Unit: 3677
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

By Official Action mailed June 30, 2008 restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 USC 121:

- I. **Figures 1-5-Species 1,**
- II. **Figures 6-7-Species 2,**
- III. **Figures 8-11-Species 3,**
- IV. **Figures 12-14-Species 4**

In response, Applicants hereby elect Species 1 of Figures 1-5 upon which claims 1, 2, and 3 are readable for examination in this case.

Early examination on the merits is courteously solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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